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From the President's Desk



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September has been a month of celebration, gratitude, and remarkable achievements for Central Mindanao University. As we celebrated our 116th Founding Anniversary, I was reminded of the extraordinary journey we have taken together, from our humble beginnings in 1910 to the institution we proudly call our own today. The joyful reunions of our alumni, the enthusiasm of our students, and the dedication of our faculty and personnel made this celebration truly meaningful. Beyond the festivities, we witnessed another month of milestones in academic excellence, research and innovation, international partnerships, and institutional development. Each achievement, whether big or small, tells a beautiful story of perseverance, shared aspirations, and the unwavering commitment of the CMU community to excellence, integrity, and service.

As we share this September issue of *Kasikas sa CMU*, I extend my heartfelt appreciation to everyone who continues to make our University a place where dreams are nurtured, opportunities are created, and lives are transformed. Our accomplishments are not simply measured by awards, rankings, or recognitions, but by the people whose dedication makes them possible and the communities whose lives we continue to touch. As we look toward the future with renewed hope and excitement, may we carry forward the same spirit of unity, passion, and service that has sustained CMU for 116 wonderful years. There is still so much to accomplish, so many dreams to fulfill, and so many reasons to celebrate. Together, let us continue writing the next beautiful chapters of our University's story.

Happy 116th Founding Anniversary, CMU!

Padayon sa paglambo, mahal namong CMU!

DR. ROLITO G. EBALLE
University President





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ACADEMIC COLLABORATION WITH UNIVERSITAS MUHAMMADIYAH YOGYAKARTA, INDONESIA

CBM, through the Department of Business Administration, is currently pursuing academic collaboration with Universitas Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta (UMY), Indonesia, with a particular focus on expanding international academic engagement and mobility opportunities under the BS Business Administration program.

Potential areas of collaboration discussed in August include Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) and team-teaching activities in internationally oriented courses such as Global Finance and Electronic Banking, International Marketing, and International Business and Trade. The Department's initiatives related to the prospective collaboration are being spearheaded by Dr. Ma. Concepcion Sudaria, Department Chairperson, together with Dr. Ronel V. Sudaria and Dr. Daryl Jane A. Caballero, faculty members handling the identified courses. The CMU Office of International Relations serves as the overall institutional liaison for the collaboration.



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EXPLORATORY ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIP WITH THE INFORMATION SYSTEMS AUDIT AND CONTROL ASSOCIATION (ISACA)

Expanding the College's network of prospective international academic and professional partners, CBM, through the Department of Accountancy, held separate exploratory meetings with Universiteit van Amsterdam and the Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA) via Microsoft Teams in July and August 2026.

The meetings explored potential areas for academic partnership and collaboration, particularly opportunities that could lead to the establishment of formal academic partnership agreements and future collaborative initiatives.

Representing CMU in these engagements were Dr. Mellbourne Poliran, AIS Coordinator; Prof. Raymond Pacaldo, CMU IIA Campus Advocate; and Dr. Sheila Mae Lupian-Poliran, Chairperson of the Department of Accountancy.

CMU × UNIVERSITEIT VAN AMSTERDAM BENCHMARKING FOR GLOBAL INTERNAL AUDIT EDUCATION

— Strengthening CMU's Partnership with The IIA —

CMU × ISACA EXPLORING ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIP Initial Meeting

08 AUGUST 2026 | 7:00 PM PHILIPPINES | 6:00 AM ILLINOIS | VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

Internationalizing BS Accounting Information Systems Education

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ACADEMIC ALLIANCE WITH THE INSTITUTE OF INTERNAL AUDITORS (IIA) AND INTERNAL AUDIT FOUNDATION GRANT

CBM, through the Department of Accountancy, continues to advance its partnership with the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) as an IIA Academic Alliance Program partner—the first in the Philippines.

Further strengthening this partnership, CMU was selected as a recipient of the Internal Audit Foundation Academic Alliance Grant, providing access to global learning resources that support the integration of international practices and standards into internal audit education. The ongoing certification review initiative is among the key activities being implemented under this partnership.



Through the grant, CMU has been offering a FREE Online Review for the Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) and Internal Audit Practitioner (IAP) certifications for alumni and students enrolled in the BS Internal Auditing program. The review sessions were conducted every Saturday via Zoom beginning August 15, 2026. By September, the program had successfully completed its fourth review session.

The initiative was spearheaded by Prof. Raymond Pacaldo, CMU IIA Campus Advocate; Dr. Melbourne Poliran, faculty member handling Internal Audit courses; and Dr. Sheila Mae Lupian-Poliran, Chairperson of the Department of Accountancy.

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HISTORY MONTH: KASAYSAYAN-TALKS TO HIGHLIGHT SIGNIFICANT HISTORICAL DISCUSSIONS

In an effort to deepen understanding of historical narratives, the Central Mindanao University Department of History and CMU Banwang Pangkasaysayan present the annual "Kasaysayan-Talks" in celebration of History Month, with the theme "Hinubog ng Bayan, Dinuyan ng Alon" (Shaped by the Nation, Cradled by the Waves). The event was held on August 26, 2026, at the College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHSS) Auditorium.

The discussion featured "The Panimusan: Historical Facets and Issues of an Indigenous Moro Group of Palawan," led by Prof. Juvanni A. Caballero, PhD, Director of the MSU-IIT Alumni and Endowment Fund Center and Professor at the MSU-IIT Department of History. The lecture will explore various historical narratives surrounding the indigenous Panimusan community.

The activity also aims to strengthen students' understanding of historical research by encouraging critical inquiry, thorough investigation, and the identification and evaluation of credible historical sources.

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VETALERT PROGRAM STRENGTHENS VETERINARY SKILLS

The third edition of the Advancing Livestock Enterprise and Resource Training Program for Veterinarians (VetALERT 3.0) was successfully conducted on September 1-3, 2026, at Cebu Technological University (CTU), Danao Campus, Cebu.

Organized by the Center for Transboundary Animal Diseases (CenTrAD), Philippine Veterinary Medical Association (PVMA), and Global Health Pathology Network (GHPN), alongside partner institutions, the training gathered veterinarians and academic professionals nationwide to strengthen diagnostic competence, disease surveillance, research, and practical veterinary skills.

The program featured expert-led discussions and hands-on training in pathology, epidemiology, disease diagnosis, and animal necropsy. It also emphasized stronger collaboration among veterinary professionals to improve livestock health and preparedness against emerging and transboundary animal diseases.



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CMU DEEPENS EXTERNAL STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT THROUGH RAC-ADCE

Central Mindanao University (CMU), through the College of Veterinary Medicine, strengthened its regional stakeholder engagement through the participation of Dr. Ampie Magdalene Sua-Llido, Unit Head of the Center for One Health and Veterinary Engagement in Mindanao (COVE-Min), in the 3rd Quarter Meeting of the Regional Advisory Committee for Animal Disease Control and Emergency (RAC-ADCE) at De Luxe Hotel, Cagayan de Oro City.

The meeting brought together government agencies, veterinary institutions, academe, and other stakeholders to discuss animal disease prevention and control, biosecurity, emergency preparedness, and livestock development in Region 10.

Dr. Sua-Llido also presented COVE-Min, introducing its objectives and planned initiatives to key regional stakeholders ahead of its launch. The engagement opened opportunities for stronger collaboration among the academe, government, veterinary sector, and communities in addressing regional animal health and One Health concerns.

The participation highlights CMU's commitment to stakeholder-responsive education, research, extension, and community engagement, while strengthening partnerships that can support collaborative research, capacity building, knowledge exchange, and evidence-based approaches to animal health and disease preparedness.

Through COVE-Min, CMU continues to advance its role as an academic and community partner in promoting One Health, veterinary public health, and sustainable animal health initiatives in Mindanao.

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CMU STRENGTHENS REGIONAL ENGAGEMENT ON BIOSAFETY, BIOSECURITY, AND RESPONSIBLE INNOVATION

Central Mindanao University (CMU), represented by Dr. Jose M. Obedencio Jr., Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine and member of the University Biosafety and Biosecurity Committee, and Dr. Philip John S. Sajol, Chair of the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) and International Relations College Coordinator, participated in the regional workshop "Securing Synthetic Biology Knowledge, Data, and Innovation in Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines," held at the Radisson Blu Cebu Hotel in Cebu City.

The workshop was hosted by Health Security Partners (HSP) in partnership with the Biorisk Association of the Philippines (BRAP) 2015, Malaysian Biosafety and Biosecurity Association (MBBA), and Indonesia Biorisk Association (IBA), with funding support from the U.S. Department of State's Office of Cooperative Threat Reduction.

The regional workshop provided opportunities for knowledge exchange, professional development, regional networking, and engagement with emerging issues in synthetic biology, biosafety, biosecurity, cyberbiosecurity, responsible research, and biorisk management.

Participation in the activity contributes to CMU's continuing efforts to strengthen institutional capacity, research governance, responsible innovation, and international engagement. The knowledge and perspectives gained can inform relevant academic and institutional initiatives and contribute to a more responsive and responsible research environment within the University and the College of Veterinary Medicine.



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CMU STRENGTHENS QUALITY ASSURANCE THROUGH AUN-QA WORKSHOP

The Office of Quality Assurance (OQA) of Central Mindanao University (CMU) conducted a two-day workshop on "Framing LMS with AUN-QA Requirements," attended by representatives from identified ASEAN University Network-Quality Assurance (AUN-QA) Batch 1 and Batch 2 academic programs.

The workshop aimed to strengthen the alignment of the University's Learning Management System (LMS) with AUN-QA standards and requirements, particularly in ensuring effective teaching and learning processes, outcomes-based education, and systematic documentation of academic activities.

The activity provided an opportunity for participating programs to review existing practices, identify areas for improvement, and enhance their readiness for AUN-QA assessment. It also emphasized the importance of integrating quality assurance mechanisms into digital learning platforms to support continuous academic improvement.

Through this initiative, CMU reaffirms its commitment to strengthening institutional quality assurance, advancing international academic standards, and delivering quality education that meets regional and global expectations.





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CMULHS EARNS DOUBLE DISTINCTION AT SCIENCE CASTLE ASIA 2026

Four students from Central Mindanao University Laboratory High School (CMULHS) earned the Gold Award and the Ajinomoto Malaysia Berhad Special Partner Award for Best Poster at Science Castle Asia 2026, held on August 22-23, 2026, at Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia (USIM).

Kyla Alana Bless T. Dargantes, Febryl Jhem A. Caballero, Shairra Jean P. Betache, and Zahra Joie P. Perang represented CMU and the Philippines with their research titled "Weeds as Antibacterials against Foodborne Pathogens," under the guidance of research adviser Ms. Roselynn Grace G. Montecillo.

The international conference received 319 research applications, with 138 teams from 10 countries and territories qualifying for the Research Poster Presentation. CMULHS was among only 10 projects to receive both distinctions, highlighting the significance of the students' achievement.

Their study explored the potential of locally available weeds as antibacterial agents against foodborne pathogens, contributing to sustainable approaches to food safety. The recognition reflects CMU's commitment to fostering scientific innovation, research excellence, and globally competitive young researchers.

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CMU JOINS CONFERMENT OF 2026 METROBANK FOUNDATION OUTSTANDING FILIPINOS

Central Mindanao University joins the Metrobank Foundation, Inc. in celebrating the 2026 Outstanding Filipinos during the Conferment Ceremony held on September 4, 2026, at the Grand Ballroom, Grand Hyatt Manila, BGC, Taguig City.

CMU proudly celebrates Dr. Cecilia O. Bucayong, who was named one of the 2026 Metrobank Foundation Outstanding Filipinos under the Award for Teachers – Higher Education category. Dr. Bucayong attended the ceremony with Dr. Rolito G. Eballe, University President, Dr. Julie Ann A. Orobia, Dean of the College of Education, and her close family members.

Congratulations, Dr. Bucayong! The CMU community celebrates this well-deserved recognition with you!



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AGRICULTURE LEADERS PRESENT CMU RESEARCH AT INT'L CONGRESS IN MALAYSIA

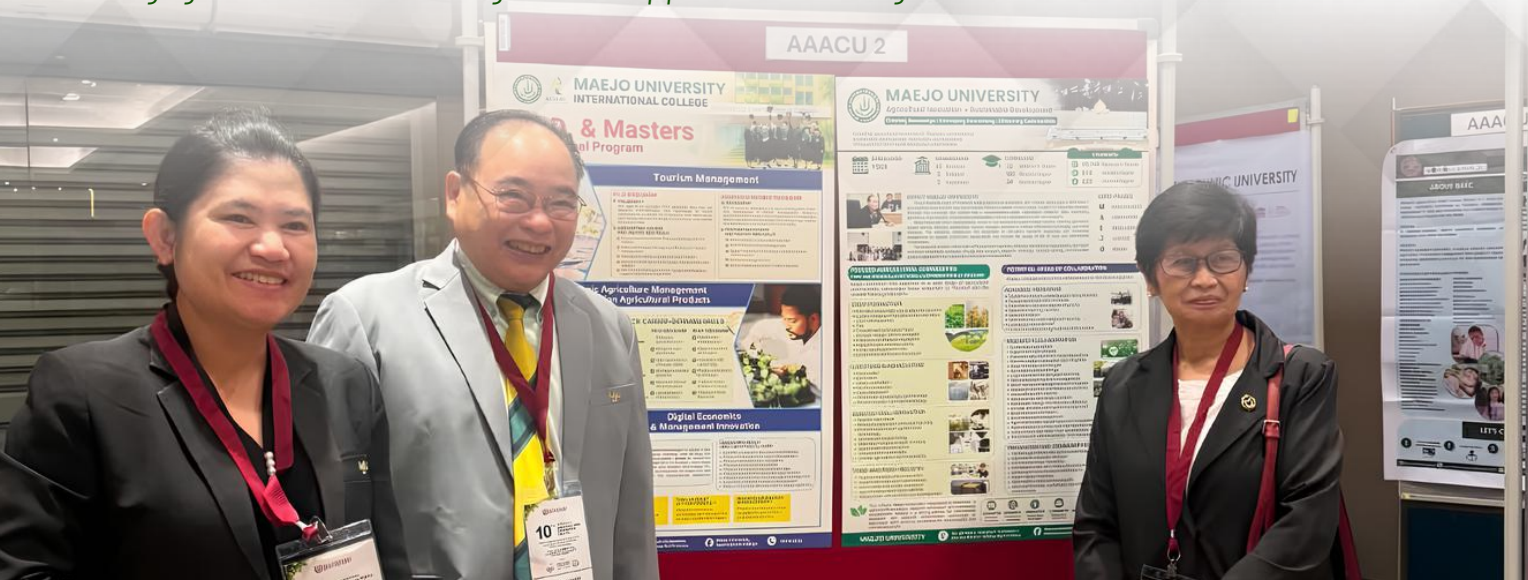
Research on agricultural resilience and food security took center stage as two agriculture leaders from Central Mindanao University (CMU) presented their studies at the 10th International Agriculture Congress (IAC10) and the 25th Biennial Conference of the Asian Association of Agricultural Colleges and Universities (AAACU 25) on September 8-10, 2026, at Courtyard by Marriott in Melaka, Malaysia.

Representing CMU were Dr. Judith D. Intong, Dean of the College of Agriculture, and Dr. Ana Celina T. Soriano, Chair of the Department of Animal Science. They were among the selected paper presenters at the international gathering, which carried the theme "Frontier Technologies for Agriculture Resilience and Food Security."

The congress brought together 10 plenary speakers and 51 paper presenters from agricultural universities and research institutions in Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philippines, Japan, Kenya, Italy, Australia, and Thailand. Their participation provided a platform for sharing research and institutional innovations addressing climate change, agricultural resilience, and food security.

Intong and Soriano also represented CMU during the AAACU General Assembly and Strategic Planning Sessions, where member institutions discussed future directions for the association, including frontier agricultural technologies, curriculum harmonization, and stronger regional cooperation for food security.

As an active AAACU member, CMU reaffirmed its commitment to international agricultural education, research, and innovation. The College of Agriculture also expressed its gratitude to the University Administration for supporting faculty participation in international engagements and creating further opportunities for global academic collaboration.



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CMU HOSTS IIAP ROADSHOW TO STRENGTHEN INTERNAL AUDIT EDUCATION



Central Mindanao University (CMU), through the Department of Accountancy of the College of Business and Management (CBM), partnered with the Institute of Internal Auditors Philippines (IIAP) to conduct the IIAP Roadshow on September 25–26, 2026, at the CBM Hall. The two-day event gathered students, educators, and professionals from various institutions. The first day featured a Students' Summit highlighting career opportunities, professional ethics, and integrity in internal auditing. The second day focused on the Global Internal Audit Standards (GIAS) and strengthening professional practices across public and private sectors.

A key highlight was the discussion of a proposed Memorandum of Agreement between CMU and IIAP to enhance academic instruction, professional development, and institutional collaboration. Once formalized, the agreement will establish IIAP's first academic institutional alliance in Mindanao.

The initiative reinforces CMU's commitment to strengthening industry partnerships and producing globally competitive internal audit professionals.

CMU RECORDS 100% PASSING RATE IN NURSES LICENSURE EXAMINATION



Central Mindanao University (CMU) celebrates the success of its three newly registered nurses who passed the August and September 2026 Nurses Licensure Examination, achieving a 100% institutional passing rate.

All three examinees were first-time takers, reflecting the College of Nursing's commitment to academic excellence, quality nursing education, and the development of competent and compassionate healthcare professionals.

This achievement reaffirms CMU's dedication to producing highly skilled, service-oriented, and globally competitive nursing professionals ready to contribute to the healthcare sector.

CMU PRODUCES 10 NEW REGISTERED ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS



Central Mindanao University (CMU) celebrates the success of its 10 newly registered electrical engineers who passed the September 2026 Registered Electrical Engineers Licensure Examination, achieving an overall institutional passing rate of 62.50%.

Of the 16 CMU examinees, 10 successfully passed the examination. First-time takers recorded an impressive 80.00% passing rate, with four out of five examinees passing, while repeaters achieved a 54.55% passing rate, with six out of 11 examinees passing.

This achievement reflects the College of Engineering's continued commitment to providing quality engineering education, strengthening technical competencies, and preparing graduates for professional practice.

CMU extends its congratulations to the successful examinees, faculty members, and the College of Engineering for this accomplishment, reaffirming the University's dedication to producing competent, globally competitive, and future-ready engineering professionals.

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CMU LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE, MARKS NEW CHAPTER IN DIGITAL COMMUNICATION



Central Mindanao University (CMU) officially launched its newly redesigned website on September 14, 2026, as part of its 116th Founding Anniversary celebration, marking another milestone in the University's digital transformation.

Developed under the leadership of the Office of Public Relations and Information (OPRI), headed by Prof. Mayflor D. Prantilla-Arambala, the new website features a modern, user-friendly interface, improved navigation, enhanced search functionality, and an AI-powered chat assistant to provide stakeholders with easier access to information.

University President Dr. Rolito G. Eballe led the ceremonial launch, emphasizing the importance of adapting to technological advancements and strengthening institutional communication. The platform also underwent functionality, usability, and privacy assessments before its official rollout.

The initiative reinforces CMU's commitment to digital innovation, transparency, and accessible information services for students, faculty, alumni, partners, and the public.



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CMU CELEBRATES 116 YEARS OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND SERVICE

Central Mindanao University (CMU) celebrated its 116th Founding Anniversary and Alumni Homecoming from September 7 to 20, 2026, under the theme "CMU@116: Shaping Global Leaders through Excellence, Integrity, and Service." The two-week celebration opened with the traditional Pamuhat, followed by the official opening ceremonies, wreath-laying, cultural presentations, and launching of the University's new website. Institutional highlights included Internationalization Day, the third State of the University Address of President Dr. Rolito G. Eballe, the presentation of the CMU Strategic Plan 2026-2035, the 2026 University Awards Ceremony, and Book Fair 2026.

The celebration featured various student-led activities, including CMU Liga basketball, volleyball, and pickleball competitions, the University Parliamentary Debate Cup, PechaKucha, Quiz Bowl, Short Film Competition, hip-hop dance competition, pageant night, float parade, street dance, and mass dance competition. Alumni also reunited through the Alumni Assembly, Fellowship Dinner, Alumni Awards, and homecoming celebrations organized by different colleges and departments, including Nursing, Education, Human Ecology, Forestry and Environmental Science, Business and Management, Human Sciences and Social Sciences, and Natural Sciences and Mathematics. Other activities included the Alumni Homecoming Trail Run, Dagan ta! One Run. One CMU. One CSC., football and tennis tournaments, and Rodeo sa Musuan 2026, showcasing the University's agricultural heritage.

In his anniversary message, Dr. Eballe emphasized the importance of sustaining the University's achievements, stating, "We are not starting anew. We are building on what we have collectively achieved." From its beginnings as the Mailag Industrial School in 1910, CMU has grown into one of the country's leading state universities, advancing instruction, research, extension, and production. More than a celebration of its 116-year history, the anniversary reaffirmed the University's enduring commitment to academic excellence, institutional progress, alumni engagement, and the development of globally competitive, principled, and service-oriented leaders.



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CMU DEAN SERVES AS RESOURCE PERSON AT INTERNATIONAL SDG CONFERENCE



Dr. Alnar L. Detalla, Dean of the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics (CNSM) of Central Mindanao University (CMU), served as one of the resource persons during the 20th International Conference on UN Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs) and Social Innovation (20CUNSSSI 2026), held on September 24-25, 2026, at Mindanao State University-Iligan Institute of Technology (MSU-IIT), Iligan City.

Carrying the theme "Transforming Ideas into Impact: Achieving SDGs as Pathways to a Resilient World," the international conference provided a platform for knowledge exchange, interdisciplinary collaboration, and innovative approaches to addressing global sustainability challenges.

Dr. Detalla's participation highlights CMU's commitment to advancing scientific knowledge, promoting sustainable development, and strengthening academic engagement in initiatives aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.



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DR. VINGELLE JIMENEZ NAMED OUTSTANDING VETERINARIAN IN ACADEME BY PHILIPPINE VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION



The College of Veterinary Medicine of Central Mindanao University proudly congratulates Dr. Vingelle Bautista Jimenez, Chair of the Department of Microbiology, Parasitology, Pathology and Public Health, for being recognized as Outstanding Veterinarian in Academe by the Philippine Veterinary Medical Association – Southern Mindanao Chapter on September 17, 2026, in General Santos City.

An expert in veterinary pathology, Dr. Jimenez exemplifies the integration of academic expertise with professional practice. Beyond teaching and mentoring future veterinarians, she continues to apply her expertise to actual clinical and diagnostic cases outside the academe, enriching her teaching with relevant field experience and contributing to the wider veterinary community.

Her recognition reflects the strength of CMU-CVM's faculty leadership and expertise and the College's continuing commitment to quality veterinary education, evidence-based practice, professional engagement, and service to society.

Congratulations, Dr. Jimenez! Your achievement brings pride to CMU-CVM and the entire Central Mindanao University community.

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CMU STRENGTHENS GRADUATE PROGRAMS THROUGH CHED SIKAP DHEI APPLICATION



Central Mindanao University (CMU), through the Office of Instruction, conducted a coaching session on September 23-24, 2026, at the Office of the President Conference Room to support its application as a Delivering Higher Education Institution (DHEI) under the Commission on Higher Education's Scholarship for Instructors' Knowledge Advancement Program (SIKAP).

The two-day activity assisted graduate program owners in preparing study plans and corresponding Work and Financial Plans (WFPs), ensuring alignment with CHED requirements and institutional priorities.

The initiative underscores CMU's commitment to strengthening graduate education, expanding opportunities for advanced studies, and supporting faculty development through national scholarship programs.



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SCHOOL OF LAW ADVANCES LEB ACCREDITATION COMPLIANCE

The Central Mindanao University (CMU) School of Law continues to strengthen its efforts toward compliance with the requirements of the Legal Education Board (LEB) as part of its commitment to meeting national legal education standards.

Following the receipt of the LEB letter on September 14, 2026, the School of Law convened its Committee on LEB Accreditation to review the identified deficiencies, assess documentary requirements, and determine the necessary actions to address compliance gaps.

The initiative reflects CMU's commitment to institutional readiness, regulatory compliance, and the continuous improvement of its legal education program.



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CMU RECORDS 97.70% PASSING RATE IN PSYCHOMETRICIAN LICENSURE EXAMINATION



Central Mindanao University (CMU) celebrates another academic milestone as 85 out of 87 first-time examinees successfully passed the Psychometrician Licensure Examination, achieving an outstanding 97.70% among first-time examinees.

Adding to this achievement, four CMU graduates secured places among the examination's topnotchers. Mary Joy Valdez Apoc and Kristina Casandra Morre Garcia both ranked 9th, while Marco Eenzo Dominic Tan Lagura and Sharmaine Ann Gonzales Reyes both placed 10th.

This accomplishment reflects CMU's commitment to academic excellence, quality instruction, and producing competent professionals equipped to contribute to the field of psychology and mental health services. The University extends its congratulations to all newly registered psychometricians, topnotchers, faculty members, and the entire CMU academic community.

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CMU SECURES ₱55 MILLION FROM PAGCOR FOR KIBAWÉ CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT



Central Mindanao University (CMU) marks another milestone in expanding access to quality higher education with the formalization of ₱55 million in funding support from the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) for the construction of the first three-storey academic building at the CMU Kibawe Campus in Bukidnon.

The proposed building will house classrooms and administrative offices, providing essential facilities to support the campus's academic operations and future development. The funding represents a significant step toward establishing the infrastructure needed to serve students and communities in Kibawe and neighboring municipalities.

This development underscores CMU's commitment to making quality and affordable higher education more accessible, particularly to underserved communities in southern Bukidnon. Through this initiative, the University continues to strengthen its mission of expanding educational opportunities and contributing to inclusive regional development.



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CMU RECEIVES ₱39 MILLION IN FREE HIGHER EDUCATION SUBSIDY



Central Mindanao University (CMU) has received ₱39 million from the National Government through the Fiscal Year 2026 General Appropriations Act (GAA) to settle outstanding Free Higher Education (FHE) subsidy deficiencies covering billings from 2022 to 2025.

The allocation addresses funding gaps from previous fiscal years, providing additional financial support to the University's operations and the continued implementation of free tertiary education. This development strengthens CMU's capacity to sustain accessible and quality higher education while ensuring the effective utilization of government resources.

CMU extends its gratitude to the National Government for its continued financial support and commitment to accessible higher education. The funding reinforces the University's mission of providing inclusive educational opportunities and advancing academic excellence for students across Mindanao and beyond.



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CMU CLIMBS 9 PLACES IN THE PHILIPPINES IN UI GREENMETRIC 2026



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According to the official UI GreenMetric World University Rankings 2026, Central Mindanao University (CMU) achieved:

World Rank: 769th - Asia Rank: 454th - Philippines Rank: 38th

Overall Score: 6,287.5 points

This represents a significant improvement from CMU's 2025 world rank of 977th with 5,275 points—an improvement of 208 places globally and 1,012.5 points in its overall sustainability score.

CMU's 2026 scores were: Setting & Infrastructure 850, Energy & Climate Change 1,015, Waste 900, Water 460, Transportation 1,150, Education & Research 1,062.5, and the new Governance & Digitalization category 850.

That upward movement highlights because it shows measurable progress in CMU's sustainability performance, not simply continued participation in the ranking.

The UI GreenMetric World University Rankings is a global initiative that assesses universities based on their commitment and performance in campus sustainability, including energy, waste, water, transportation, infrastructure, and sustainability education and research.

Participation is important because it allows institutions to measure where they are, compare with other universities worldwide, identify areas for improvement, and turn sustainability commitments into measurable actions. More than a ranking, it provides a practical framework for making campuses greener and for universities to lead by example in sustainable development.



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CMU JOINS DOST-PCAARRD INCEPTION MEETING FOR NEWLY APPROVED RESEARCH PROJECTS



Central Mindanao University (CMU) participated in the 2026 DOST-PCAARRD Inception Meeting for Newly Approved Projects held via Zoom, with Research Director Dr. Jupiter V. Casas, VPRDE Alan P. Dargantes, and Dr. Jose S. Valmorida representing University President Dr. Rolito G. Eballo.

Dr. Dalisay E. Cabral, Director of the Forest and Environment Research Division of DOST-PCAARRD, was among those who presented the policies, guidelines, and financial, technical, and administrative monitoring requirements for the two newly approved and fully funded CMU research projects: "Enhancement and Community-based Adoption of Fern-derived Food Products in Negros Oriental and Northern Mindanao" led by Dr. Fulgent P. Coritico, and "Bamboo Nutricare Quick Response System: Science-Driven Food Innovation for Malnutrition Reduction and Livelihood Empowerment" led by Dr. Queenie Ann L. Curayag.

The meeting highlighted key requirements on project implementation, reporting, auditing, project completion and clearance, and the ownership and proper acknowledgment of DOST-PCAARRD in research outputs, reinforcing the researchers' responsibility for transparent and accountable use of the grants-in-aid funds.



CMU PHYSICS DEPARTMENT SECURES P68M DOST GRANT FOR CHROMOFILMS SMART GLASS RESEARCH



The Department of Physics of Central Mindanao University (CMU), through Dr. Michelle Marie S. Villamayor, is set to receive a ₱68 million grant from the Department of Science and Technology-Grants-in-Aid (DOST-GIA) for the CHROMOFILMS research project. The proposal was defended before the DOST Executive Council on August 26, 2026, at the Office of the Secretary Conference Hall. The project aims to develop electrochromic and thermochromic films that change their transparency in response to electrical input or variations in ambient temperature. Using magnetron sputtering technology, the three-year project will be implemented in collaboration with the University of the Philippines Diliman (UPD) and the University of Science and Technology of Southern Philippines (USTP).

In addition to the principal investigator, Roel Baybayon, Haziel Marie P. Baybayon, and Aaron Andrew Mutia comprise the CMU research group. UPD is represented by Dr. Magdaleno Vasquez, Jr. and Balik-Scientist Dr. Arantxa Danielle S. Montallana. USTP is represented by Efren Hamoy.

The project aims to develop color-transition glass for indoor climate control, specifically by reducing heat accumulation and decreasing the dependence on air-conditioning. Major investments under the grant include physical vapor deposition systems, vacuum furnaces and optical characterization equipment.



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CMU LAUNCHES COVE-MIN TO ADVANCE ONE HEALTH, VETERINARY RESEARCH IN MINDANAO



Central Mindanao University (CMU), through the Office of the Vice President for Research, Development and Extension and the College of Veterinary Medicine, officially launched the Center for One Health and Veterinary Engagement in Mindanao (COVE-Min) on September 8, 2026, at the CVM Hall. The Center aims to strengthen research, extension, diagnostics, and partnerships addressing interconnected human, animal, and environmental health concerns.

Led by Founding Director Dr. Karla Cristine C. Doysabas, alongside COVE-BRIDGE Head Dr. Ampie Magdalene C. Sua-Llido and COVE-PAWS Head Dr. Kassey Alsylle T. Dargantes, the launch gathered CMU officials, government representatives, industry partners, and 28 Barangay Animal Health Workers from Maramag. CMU President Dr. Rolito G. Eballe, Vice President Dr. Allan P. Dargantes, and Bukidnon Provincial Board Member Atty. Oliver Owen B. Garcia also attended.

The event concluded with a collaboration meeting exploring joint research, extension, and capacity-building initiatives, reinforcing CMU's commitment to evidence-based solutions for healthier communities, animals, and environments across Mindanao.

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CMU LAUNCHES WEB-BASED APPLICATION OF PATENTED 3D VECTOR APPARATUS

Central Mindanao University (CMU), through the Office of Intellectual Property and Technology Business Management (OIPTBM), in partnership with Sci App Metal Works, officially launched the Web-Based Application of the 3D Vector Apparatus on September 13, 2026, at Uno Hotel, Valencia City.

The innovation, anchored on a CMU-registered patent, marks another milestone in the University's efforts to advance technological innovation, intellectual property utilization, and research commercialization. The web-based application represents an initiative to integrate digital technology with the patented apparatus, expanding opportunities for its practical application and accessibility.

The launch highlights CMU's continuing commitment to transforming research outputs into practical innovations through industry partnerships, strengthening technology transfer, and promoting solutions that contribute to scientific advancement and technological development.



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CMU STRENGTHENS AGRI-AQUA INNOVATION PARTNERSHIPS AT RAISE FORWARD 2026

Regional Agri-Aqua Innovation System Enhancement Program

RAISE Batch 2 - Phase 2 Inception Meeting

August 11-14, 2026
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Central Mindanao University (CMU), through the RAISE Program Phase 2 in Northern Mindanao, participated in RAISE Forward 2026: Strengthening Innovation, Sustainability, and Collaboration, held on August 11-14, 2026, at DOST-PCAARRD in Los Baños, Laguna. The four-day event brought together partner institutions to advance agricultural and aquatic innovation, research commercialization, and sustainable project implementation.

Representing CMU were Dr. Gamaliela A. Dumancas, Dr. Annie L. Deriada, Dr. Sheila C. Poonon, and Dr. Emmanuel P. Leaño, alongside RAISE Phase 2 Assistant Program Leader Dr. Renante D. Taylaran of USTP Claveria. The event featured the 3rd Agri-Aqua Innovation Pitch Fest (AIPF) 2026, a Sustainability Planning Workshop, and the RAISE Program Batch 2, Phase 2 Inception Meeting, focusing on innovation promotion, resource mobilization, and collaborative project management.

CMU's participation reinforces its commitment to strengthening Northern Mindanao's agri-aqua innovation ecosystem through strategic partnerships, sustainable research initiatives, and the translation of technologies into practical solutions for the agriculture, aquatic, and natural resources sectors.

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CMU DXMU-FM FRANCHISE RENEWAL ADVANCES IN SENATE

Central Mindanao University (CMU) marked another legislative milestone as House Bill No. 6914, seeking the renewal of the DXMU-FM broadcasting franchise, advanced on Second Reading in the Senate on September 23, 2026.

The development represents significant progress toward securing the continued operation of DXMU-FM, the University's radio broadcasting station, which serves as a platform for educational programming, information dissemination, and community engagement.

The advancement of House Bill No. 6914 reinforces CMU's commitment to sustaining public service broadcasting, expanding access to information, and strengthening its connection with communities across Bukidnon and neighboring areas.



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CMU JOURNAL OF SCIENCE CONDUCTS WORKSHOP ON SCOPUS-INDEXED PUBLICATIONS

The Central Mindanao University (CMU) Journal of Science conducted a two-day workshop on publishing in Scopus-indexed journals on September 24–25, 2026, at Ba'al Talae, Danggagan, Bukidnon, to strengthen research publication capabilities and promote academic excellence.

The workshop focused on enhancing researchers' knowledge and skills in scholarly writing, manuscript preparation, and publication processes aligned with international indexing standards. The activity also aimed to encourage quality research outputs and increase the University's visibility in international academic publications.

The initiative reinforces CMU's commitment to strengthening its research culture, improving publication quality, and advancing its position as a research-driven university through greater participation in internationally recognized scholarly platforms.



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CMU SURPASSES 100 SCOPUS PUBLICATIONS IN A YEAR



CMU has reached a major research milestone, recording 101 Scopus-indexed publications in 2026—the first time the University has surpassed the 100-publication mark within a single year, based on the latest update from GHF University Excellence.

The milestone reflects a significant rise in CMU's research productivity, from 57 publications in 2022, 69 in 2023, 67 in 2024, and 98 in 2025. CMU's Scopus profile now records 661 documents from 447 authors, highlighting the expanding contribution of its faculty and researchers to scholarly knowledge.

Reaching the century mark strengthens CMU's research profile and provides new momentum for its pursuit of greater international visibility. More importantly, the achievement celebrates the collective work of CMU researchers who continue to transform ideas and discoveries into research outputs with wider academic reach.

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CMU RESEARCHERS WIN SIX BEST PAPER AWARDS, BENCHMARK RDE PRACTICES IN REGION 2



Central Mindanao University (CMU) researchers secured six Best Paper Awards during the 2nd International Conference on Sustainable Solutions in Engineering, Science, Health, Education, and Technology (ICSS-ESHET 2026), held on September 23-25, 2026, at Isabela State University-Ilagan Campus. The University earned three first-place, one second-place, and two third-place awards for research covering biodiversity, indigenous communities, health, institutional development, entrepreneurship, and agricultural technologies.

Complementing this achievement, a CMU delegation led by Vice President for Research and Extension Dr. Alan P. Dargantes conducted Research, Development, and Extension (RDE) benchmarking activities at Cagayan State University, Isabela State University, and Nueva Vizcaya State University on September 21, 22, and 25. The visits focused on research management, publication practices, technology commercialization, and institutional collaboration.

CMU President Dr. Rolito G. Eballe congratulated the researchers for their achievements, highlighting the University's continuing commitment to research excellence, innovation, and strengthening RDE programs through strategic partnerships and institutional learning.



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STRENGTHENING DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND CONTINUITY OF UNIVERSITY OPERATIONS

The Central Mindanao University Office of Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (CMU-ODRRM) served as a resource speaker in two campus safety initiatives: the Safety and Technical Orientation on Alternative Fuels on August 26, 2026, at the College of Engineering Atrium, and the Annual Joint Dormitory Safety and Security Orientation on August 27, 2026, at the University Convention Center.

The activities aimed to strengthen awareness of safety protocols, hazard prevention, emergency response, and disaster preparedness among students and university personnel. Through these initiatives, CMU-ODRRM continues to promote a culture of safety, preparedness, and resilience across the University community.



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CMU-ODRRM HOLDS NSRC GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR PILOT IMPLEMENTATION

The Central Mindanao University Office of Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (CMU-ODRRM) conducted the School-Based National Service Reserve Corps Unit (SBNU) General Assembly on September 3, 2026, at the College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHSS) Auditorium.

The assembly gathered NSRC student reservists and executive officers of the CMU Red Cross Youth (RCY) in preparation for the pilot implementation of the Office of Civil Defense's (OCD) School-Based National Service Reserve Corps Unit (NSRC-SBNU).

The initiative strengthens student volunteerism, disaster preparedness, and emergency response capabilities, reinforcing CMU's commitment to developing a resilient and service-oriented university community.

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CMU CONDUCTS TREE PRUNING ACTIVITY TO STRENGTHEN CAMPUS SAFETY

The Central Mindanao University Office of Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (ODRRM), in coordination with the OSS, OGS, FREQ, OESM, OHS, and First Bukidnon Electric Cooperative (FIBECO) personnel, conducted a tree pruning activity on September 2, 2026, to strengthen campus safety and prevent potential hazards.

The activity aimed to minimize risks posed by overgrown branches, particularly near university facilities and electrical lines, while maintaining a safe and sustainable campus environment.

The initiative reflects CMU's continuing commitment to proactive disaster risk reduction, environmental stewardship, and the safety and well-being of the University community.



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STRENGTHENING MERIT-BASED RECRUITMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

The Office of Human Resource Management (OHRM) successfully conducted the Human Resource Merit Promotion and Selection Board (HRMPSB) Final Interview and Deliberation on August 24 and 25, 2026, at the OHRM Conference Room, 2nd Floor, Admin Extension Building, Central Mindanao University.

The Board was chaired by Prof. Hermie P. Pava, Vice President for Administration. He was joined by Mr. Marcelino F. Duay III, Supervising Administrative Officer of OHRM, along with Directors and heads from various offices of the University.

Spearheaded by the Recruitment, Selection, and Placement (RSP) Unit, the activity ensured a thorough and objective evaluation of candidates in accordance with the principles of merit, fitness, and equal opportunity. The completion of these deliberations contributes significantly to the continued strengthening of Central Mindanao University's workforce and the enhancement of its public service delivery.



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CMU HOLDS RED CROSS MOVEMENT AND IHL DISSEMINATION SEMINAR

Central Mindanao University (CMU), in partnership with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and Philippine Red Cross-Bukidnon Chapter, conducted the Red Cross Movement and International Humanitarian Law (IHL) Dissemination Seminar on September 9, 2026, at the College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHSS) Auditorium.

The seminar featured discussions by Jocelyn A. Daroy, Edward John Ty, and Atty. Gabriel Calleja on the fundamental principles of the Red Cross Movement, humanitarian operations during armed conflicts, and the basic principles of International Humanitarian Law.

Attended by political science students, Red Cross Youth volunteers, and National Service Reserve Corps (NSRC) members, the activity strengthened awareness of humanitarian protection, volunteerism, and respect for human life and dignity, reinforcing CMU's commitment to humanitarian education and community service.



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CMU AMONG 19 SUCS COMPLIANT WITH CRISIS MANAGEMENT MANUAL REQUIREMENT

Central Mindanao University (CMU) has been recognized as one of only 19 out of 113 State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) nationwide compliant with the requirement to establish a Crisis Management Manual, marking a significant milestone in institutional preparedness and risk management.

Further strengthening CMU's leadership in crisis management, Vice President for Administration Prof. Hermie P. Pava was designated as the Interim Crisis Manager Focal Person of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) for the 113 SUCs nationwide.

These developments highlight CMU's commitment to institutional resilience, proactive crisis management, and the establishment of effective systems that safeguard the welfare and security of the academic community.





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CMU-OEM CONDUCTS 9TH BAYANIHAN ACTIVITY

The Central Mindanao University Office of Enterprise Management (OEM), headed by Atty. James M. Violon, in collaboration with the University Commercial Complex Retailers Association (UCCRA) and concerned stall lessees, conducted the 9th Bayanihan Activity on September 28, 2026.

The activity highlighted the spirit of cooperation and shared responsibility among university enterprise stakeholders, promoting cleanliness, orderliness, and the maintenance of a safe and welcoming commercial environment.

The initiative reinforces CMU's commitment to community participation, responsible enterprise management, and fostering stronger partnerships among commercial stakeholders within the University.



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DILG BUKIDNON JOINS DOE ORIENTATION ON ALTERNATIVE FUELS AND EMERGING ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES

DILG Bukidnon participated in the Technical Orientation on Alternative Fuels and Emerging Energy Technologies conducted by the Department of Energy (DOE) on September 24, 2026, at Malaybalay Air'bnb, Malaybalay City, Bukidnon.

Represented by Carl Michael Dave B. Caterial, DILG Bukidnon joined the discussions on emerging energy technologies and sustainable transportation solutions, including hydrogen technology, solar-powered and hybrid vehicles, energy efficiency, and energy conservation.

The activity highlighted the potential of alternative fuels and innovative technologies to reduce dependence on conventional fuels, improve fuel efficiency, minimize emissions, and promote more responsible energy consumption.

Through the orientation, participants gained a deeper appreciation of the role of emerging technologies and energy-efficient practices in advancing a cleaner, more sustainable, and energy-resilient future.





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CMU MAKES 4,500 KILOGRAMS OF RC 600 RICE AVAILABLE FOR SALE

Central Mindanao University (CMU) made 4,500 kilograms of RC 600 rice available for sale on September 9-10, 2026, at the ORGM Kamagong Building, priced at ₱42.00 per kilogram.

Credit purchases were permitted, subject to existing University policies, rules, and procedures on credit sales. Buyers were also advised to bring their own bags or suitable containers for their purchases.

The initiative supports CMU's agricultural production and enterprise operations while providing the University community with access to locally produced rice.



About the *Kasikas*



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Kasikas sa CMU is the official monthly report of the Office of the University President of Central Mindanao University, documenting the significant developments, accomplishments, engagements, and initiatives across the University. In Bisaya, *kasikas* conveys movement, activity, and the energy of people working and making things happen. It reflects the collective energy of a University continuously moving forward through instruction, research, extension, production, governance, partnerships, innovation, and public service. More than a collection of activities and statistics, *Kasikas sa CMU* tells the continuing story of CMU by highlighting the people, offices, partnerships, and shared efforts behind every milestone.

Published monthly, *Kasikas sa CMU* provides the University community and its stakeholders with a meaningful account of CMU's progress, leadership, and institutional direction. It highlights presidential engagements, major accomplishments, academic and research achievements, recognitions, partnerships, and community initiatives while promoting transparency, institutional pride, and a shared sense of purpose. Ultimately, *Kasikas sa CMU* goes beyond documenting what happened each month—it tells why these developments matter and how they move the University forward, preserving the continuing story of the collective energy, commitment, and aspirations that drive One CMU.





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